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1.2 SCOPE OF WORK

The scope of this SSI activity includes the following tasks:

- Review site-specific background information, including the PA report for the Mound Street PCB Site and documents related to the Laclede Coal Gas Facility.
- Prepare a Management Work Plan (MWP) for the activities at the site to include reports and other deliverables to be generated, a level of effort (LOE) schedule, along with an activity schedule with milestone completion dates. The MWP for the Mound Street PCB site was submitted to Region VII EPA on October 12, 1995.
- Conduct a site reconnaissance to verify site conditions and obtain additional background information. The site reconnaissance at the Mound Street PCB site was conducted by Sverdrup personnel on December 6, 1995.
- Conduct a SSI scoping meeting with the Region VII EPA Site Assessment Manager (SAM) to propose a strategy for sampling the site with available resources. The scoping meeting was held at the Region VII EPA headquarters on December 20, 1995.
- Prepare a Field Sampling Plan (FSP) for the site to include sampling procedures, field methods, proposed sample locations, analytical services request (ASR), quality assurance and quality control (QA/QC) measures, and project management. The FSP for the site was approved by Region VII EPA on March 26, 1996.
- Conduct sampling activities as per the sampling strategy discussed in the scoping meeting and procedures outlined in the FSP. Sampling activities at the site were conducted on April 2 - 3, 1996.
- Calculate a draft site score using Site Inspection Worksheets so that a priority for future work at the site, if warranted, can be assigned.
- Prepare a draft SSI report including a summary of site-specific information. The summary includes analytical results collected by Sverdrup and additional site recommendations.
- Prepare a final SSI report, incorporating any revisions requested by the Region VII EPA comments.

Plant, is located on the east side of the flood wall. The abandoned pump house is in poor condition. At the time of the site reconnaissance visit, the water level of the Mississippi River was at the bottom of the pump house. According to Mr. Gellman, the property occupied by the abandoned pump house was deeded to the City of St. Louis for the construction of a bike path along the river (Reference 23).

The site is part of the Laclede Gas and Light Company former manufactured gas plant (FMGP), which operated in the late 1800s to the mid-1940s (Figure 3). Laclede Gas used a retort process for coal carbonization in the generation of gas. Approximately 930 million gallons of coal tar waste were produced at this facility. It is estimated that approximately 76 percent of the waste was sold, with the remaining 24 percent being buried on-site (Reference 4). This equates to approximately 224 million gallons of coal tar waste potentially buried at the site. On-site burial was typically conducted in unlined pits. In 1940, operations were split between Laclede Gas Light Company (Laclede Gas) and Laclede Power and Light Company (Laclede Electric) (References 3 and 4).

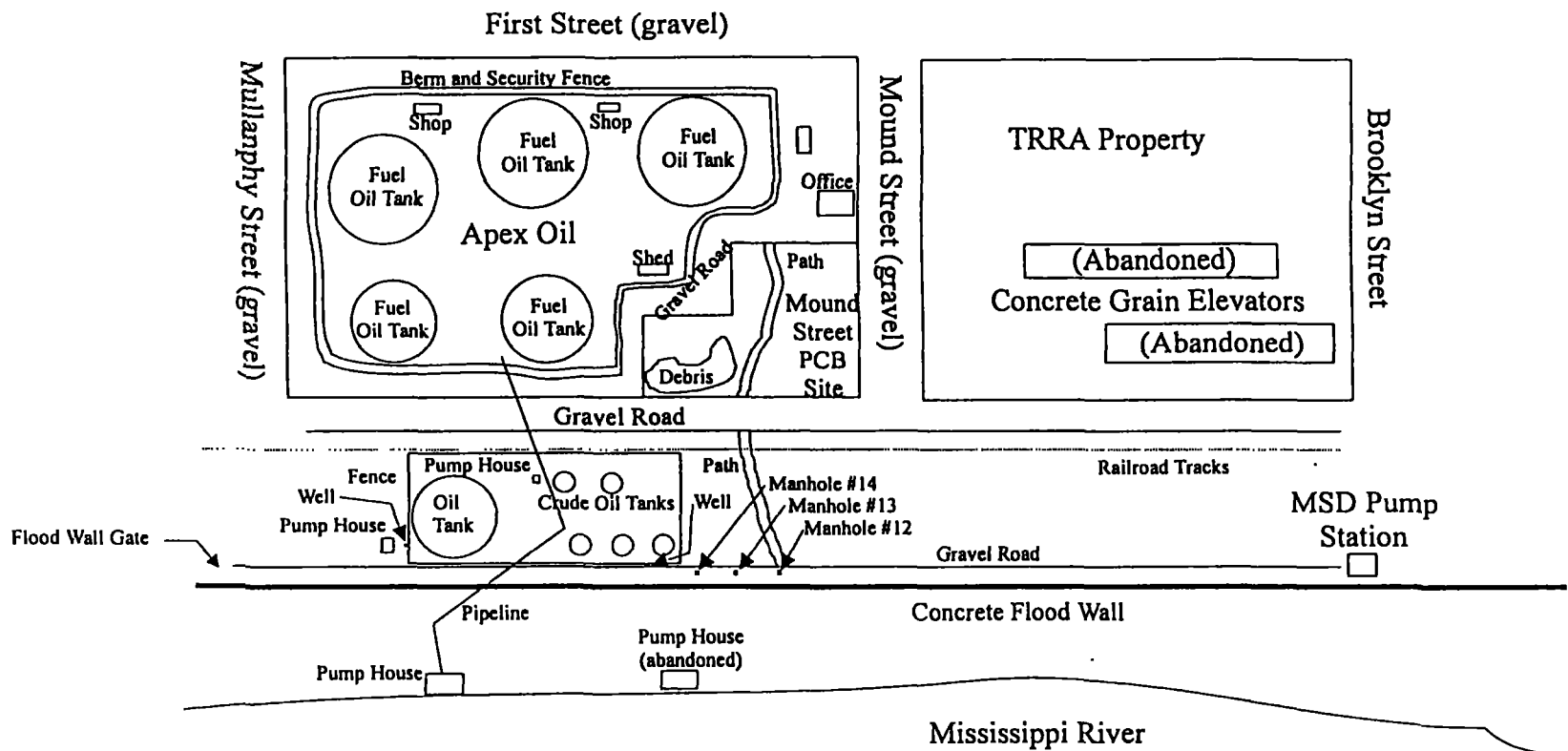
In 1945, Union Electric (UE) purchased the entire coal gas facility and operated the Mound Street Power Plant from 1945 to 1973. UE did not manufacture coal gas at this site. In 1969, the Apex Oil Company purchased the former coal gas works (Laclede Gas) from UE. UE, however, continued to operate its electrical facility from the former Laclede Electric works (Figure 4). The Apex Oil Company utilized the site as a tank farm for the storage of petroleum fuels until the mid-1980s, when it became an asphalt product terminal (Figure 4; References 3 and 4). The PFT-Apex Oil facility is currently still operating at this location.

In 1973, the UE property (Laclede Electric works) was transferred to the Tenlis Company. Tenlis dismantled the power generation and transmission equipment. Transformer oil was reportedly disposed by Midwest Oil Company. The dismantled equipment was sold as scrap metal (Reference 4).

In 1981, Tenlis transferred the property to AZCON (Reference 3). The operations of AZCON are unknown; however, it was reported in the MDNR PA report that AZCON could have been a metal recycling company (Reference 15).

In 1985, Mound Street Corporation became the property owner and leased the building to an individual for an electric motor stripping operation (Reference 3). An oil fire occurred in the basement of the building in 1989, and the building was demolished in the spring of 1991 (Reference 15).

McKinley Iron became the owner of the property in 1993 (Reference 15). The property does not have any buildings or other structures, and is currently vacant (References 7 and 23).



Scale (Approx.)



Sources: E&E/FIT 1991. SSI Laclede Coal Gas Site, St. Louis, Missouri.
MDNR 1994. PA Mound Street PCB Site.
GEHM 1993. Activities Report, TRRA of St. Louis, First and Mound Streets Site, MDNR Spill Report #07143-KB-1331.

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Site Map

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The Jefferson National Expansion Memorial - Gateway Arch is approximately one mile downstream of the site. The National Park Service operates the park which encompasses 90 acres and has approximately 2.7 million visitors per year (Reference 1). No other sensitive environments occur within a 4-mile radius of the site (Reference 15).

7.0 AIR PATHWAY

Threats to the air pathway are evaluated as low because there have been no observed releases via the air pathway and there are few potential receptors. Air sampling was not conducted as part of this SSI. No air samples have been previously collected for this site.

